

EDUCATION &
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OFFICE OF
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SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- Group life insurance open enrollment from April 1-30.
- CKA and SKA Designation Applications due June 1.
- IAAO 402 and IAAO 601 have been added to the education schedule.
- KY 72 has been rescheduled for May 17-20.

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The Ed Letter

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The 2010 Kentucky Conference on Assessment Administration

December 7-10

For the 2010 Fall Conference, attendees will have the unique opportunity to stay in one of Kentucky's most treasured historic landmarks located in the heart of downtown Louisville. The Brown Hotel boasts 293 elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites, over 26,000 square feet of meeting space, a business center, fitness center, two restaurants, and the renowned Lobby Bar. The Brown's fine dining restaurant, The English Grill, has been voted "Louisville's Best Restaurant." For over 80 years, The Brown has figured prominently into the social life of Louisville and its opulent ballroom is the site of many of the city's most elegant and gracious social functions.

Built by J. Graham Brown in 1923 at a cost of \$4 million dollars, the hotel was a magnet for many prominent guests and a celebrities during the 1920s through the 1950s. In 1971, two years after the founder passed away, The Brown closed as a hotel and later reopened as the Board of Education building.

In the early 1980s the building was renovated and reopened as The Brown Hotel as we know it today. With its distinctive English Renaissance design, this stunning 16 story property is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Brown Hotel's ornate hand-painted plaster relief ceilings, intricately carved railings, decorative crown molding, and other classic architectural details will provide a memorable and distinctive backdrop for our Fall Conference as we connect with colleagues and friends, old and new.

Please call (502) 583-1234 to make reservations at the special conference rate of \$93 per night.

www.thebrownhotel.com

PVA Administrative (YOUR) Support Branch

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, Nationwide Life Insurance Company became the new provider of life insurance coverage for all employees of the Commonwealth. Optional and dependent rates did not change as a result. **The open enrollment session began on April 1 and will end April 30. All full-time employees must complete and return a new beneficiary form to the PVA Administrative Support Branch by April 30.** New booklets have been mailed to each PVA Office for all eligible employees. The applications and beneficiary forms, along with your certificate of coverage, are included in these booklets.

This is your opportunity to make any changes for additional coverage for yourself, spouse or dependents without having to complete the medical evidence of insurability forms. For more information, please call Donna Seeberger at (502)564-6946.

FY 2010-2011 estimate appropriation letters have been mailed. Please contact Angel Thompson or Cyndi Abrams if your office has not received one.



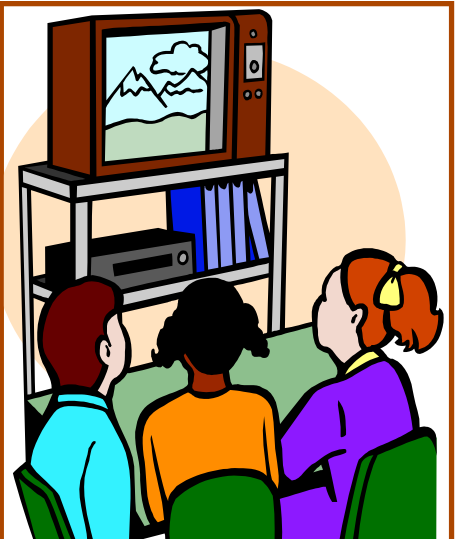
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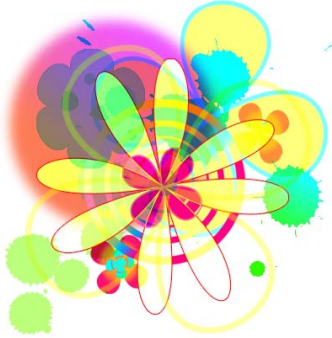
The Education and Research Branch will hold a live videoconferencing broadcast of the PR/Customer Service class scheduled for July 8, 2010. To participate or for more information, please contact Stacy Bush.



Designation Applications Due June 1st

BY CINDY MEHOLOVITCH

Education Administrative Specialist



Anyone who will be eligible to receive their designation by summer conference should submit an application by June 1, 2010. Designation applications are available on the PVA Network. If you are waiting on the results of a class, complete the application and write "pending" beside the class. Submitting your application by June 1 will aid the PVA Budget Committee in its determination of deputy one-time bonuses at either summer or fall conference. In order for deputies to receive their one-time bonus during 2010, they must complete the requirements for designation by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. PVAs and deputies may elect to be awarded their designations at either summer or fall conference. If you have any questions, please contact me at Cindy.Meholovitch@ky.gov.

Sales Ratio Reminders

BY KIM HOLT

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To date, we have received 2009 sales files from 78 counties; 53 of these files have been finalized. If you have not yet submitted your sales file for the last six months of 2009, please e-mail it to Kim.Holt@ky.gov as soon as possible.



Motax Policies

Taxability of Trailers Pulled by Apportioned Trucks

For a semi-trailer to qualify as nontaxable, the following two criteria must be met:

1. the trailer must be pulled by an apportioned vehicle, and
2. the trailer must leave the state (interstate commerce).

Taxpayers must supply proof of these conditions. They would need to show a cab card for the truck that covers the January 1 assessment date in question and a log sheet showing that the trailer was out of the state between the cab card's issue date and the renewal date for this year.

2010 Class Update

The following classes are full:

KY 10, Apr. 12-15 • KY 10, July 12-15 • KY 40, March 22-25

KY 60, Apr. 19-22 • KY 60, July 19-22 • KY 60, Sept. 13-16

IAAO 101, Sept. 20-24 • IAAO 102, June 7-11

IAAO 400, Aug. 9-13 • IAAO 500, July 12-16

To be placed on standby for one of these classes, or for assistance with registration/cancellation, please contact Stacy Bush at (502) 564-5118 or stacy.bush@ky.gov.

New Classes

IAAO 402—Tax Policy

Robert Graham, Instructor

Cincinnati Radisson Hotel, Covington, KY

IAAO 601—Advanced Mapping

Rick Norejko, Instructor

Holiday Inn Express, Frankfort, KY



Classes Approved for Training Credit

KACo and KREAB-approved classes (not including online courses) do not require the prior approval of the Office of Property Valuation.

Parking Pass



Parking passes are now available for students participating in classes at the Kentucky State Office Building (KSOB). These passes allow students to park all day in the visitor's lot. Passes will be e-mailed to everyone on the class roster prior to the scheduled class. Don't forget to place the pass on your dashboard. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Bush at (502) 564-5118 or stacy.bush@ky.gov.

The Technical Support Section

Of the Office of Property Valuation

You may know these gentlemen as the “TRIM Guys,” but they do so much more than work with Tax Roll and Information Management (TRIM) and Sheriffs’ Automated Collection System (SACS). During any given month, they assist approximately 40 different counties on computer issues, and another 30 on computer mapping programs. Together, these six staff members have a combined experience of 69 years in technical matters.

The section is led by **Ken Gilbert**. Ken is ably assisted by **Kevin Carter** and **James Marcum** as they meet new challenges every day assisting PVA offices statewide technical difficulties. **Mike Tackett** and **Mike Wolff**, the computer mapping specialists, are always looking at ways to make computer mapping easier, more efficient, and faster for every PVA office. **Nick Pinson** is the newest member. He works to keep the TRIM and SACS programs current and powerful in the ever-changing world of cyberspace.

The TRIM section began about 25 years ago by setting up the first local area network (LAN) in what was then the Revenue Cabinet. At the time, the section was so advanced that it was instructed to slow down so that other parts of the state could catch up with their technology. The high point came when 99 counties were using TRIM and more than 60 counties relied on SACS. Due to a subsequent lack of funding support, the section was unable to keep up with computer advances, forcing counties to seek their own administrative programs.

This did not slow down the section however, in assisting many counties with the installation of new computers, maintenance updates and protection from the threat of present threat of computer viruses. In fact, additional staff was needed when computer mapping programs began evolving through the use of geographic information systems that benefit PVA offices and counties throughout the entire Commonwealth.

Thanks to advances in technology, the Technical Support Section can now assist many PVA offices anywhere in the state from their location in Frankfort. The decrease in travel time and expenses has been a big help to the Office of Property Valuation budget during these challenging economic times. The Technical Support Section appreciates the opportunity to serve the counties of the Commonwealth.

We are fortunate to have the experience, dedication and professionalism of the six team members that make up your Technical Support Section.



L-R, Mike Wolff, Kevin Carter, Mike Tackett, Nick Pinson, Ken Gilbert and James Marcum

Getting to Know...



Anne Edwards, Green County PVA, was born in Louisville, KY. She is married to JW "Bill" Edwards and they have five children: Beverly, 52, Bill, Jr., 50, Robert (deceased), John, 48, and Mary Beth, 45. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Anne became a deputy PVA when her husband Bill was elected PVA in 1977. She left the office in 1980 to work on the local newspaper but went back to the PVA office in 1982 and worked as deputy until she was elected PVA in 2002. She is planning to retire in November of this year.

Anne says that the most surprising thing she has learned since becoming PVA is that most people just want to understand. "If they can see a reason for something, they are more willing to accept things."

Q Do you take the shampoo and conditioner bottles from hotels?

A Yes, but then I take them to the women's and children's shelter.

Q If you were left on a deserted island, what three things would you need to survive (not including food)?

A A blanket, a fishing pole and my computer with wireless card.

Q What tv or movie character is most like you?

A Weezer in *Steel Magnolias*.

Q Have you ever t.p.'d someone's home?

A I once t.p.'d a friend's house when they went out of town on Halloween. We told them not to go away on Halloween!

Q If you could have dinner with any five people—living or dead, real or fictitious—who would you choose?

A Other than dear family members who have passed on, it would be T.S. Elliot, Mark Twain and Greg Iles.

Boyle County PVA **Eddie Tamme** was born in Danville, KY. Per the judge's ruling, Eddie has no children, and he says that's good enough for him.

Prior to becoming PVA, Eddie worked as a farmer, a sales rep for MoorMan Mfg Co., a Rural Route Carrier sub for USPS and at the Boyle County Stockyards. He plans to retire in about eight short years. It's a well-known fact that the local hospital has a room reserved for Eddie because everyone knows he works too hard. It's only a matter of time.

The most surprising experience Eddie has had as PVA occurred a few years ago when he heard a rumor that the niece of former Secretary of the Revenue Cabinet and current Legislative Liaison for Governor Beshear, Mike Haydon, might be appointed PVA. What surprised him the most is that Fran does NOT look exactly like Mike in a dress and she can be nice at times.

One other thing readers might be interested to learn is that Eddie is a distant relative to the Rev. Jesse Head, the man who married Abraham Lincoln's parents. Rev. Head must be the reason Eddie feels the need to always tell the truth.

Q What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?

A As a kid, I always wanted to be a professional basketball player and play for the Boston Celtics. That didn't pan out so well, so now I guess I would either be a brain surgeon or a rocket scientist.

Q Have you ever been snipe hunting?

A Yes. I was too young for a hunting license but I think I caught the limit.

Q If you could have dinner with any three people - living or dead, real or fictitious - who would you choose?

A 1.) Brian Piccolo—over-achieving athlete who loved the game of life. 2.) Cher—great entertainer with a powerful voice who has not forgotten her upbringing. She denounced tax breaks for herself while telling Larry King it was the waitress at the diner who was a single mother of two that needs the tax break. 3.) Steve Martin—funniest guy in the world.

Q If you were left on a deserted island, what three items would you need to survive (not including food)?

A My wife watches *Survivor* so I know a little bit about this. I'm going to say a knife, fire and the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders.





APRIL 2010

- April 5, KY 90, KSOB
- April 6, Budget/Quicken, KSOB
- April 12, KY 10, KSOB
- April 18, KY 60, KSOB
- April 18, IAAO 101, Jenny Wiley State Park
- April 26, KY 50, KSOB



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter	5 KY 90	6 Budget/ Quicken	7	8	9	10
11	12 KY 10	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 KY 60 IAAO 101	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26 KY 50	27	28	29	30	



MAY 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Armed Forces Day
16	17 KY 72	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					



- May 17, KY 72, KSOB

